

10/670,61403AB070/ALBRP325US**REMARKS**

Claims 1-17, 19-44, and 46 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicant's representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-17, 19-33, 42-44, and 46 are allowable and claims 35, 36, 38, 39, and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claim 34 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent claim 35. Claim 35 has been cancelled without prejudice. It is believed that claims 1-46 are now in condition for allowance. A version of all pending claims is found at pages 2-7.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 34, 37, and 40 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 34, 37, and 40 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chaney (US 3,273,394). Applicant's representative respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection for at least the following reasons. This rejection is moot in view of the amendment to independent claim 34 to include allowable subject matter from dependent claim 35. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

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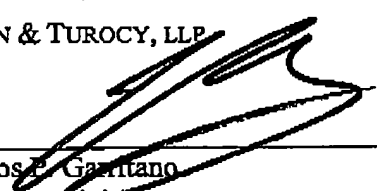
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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